

Texas Renewables '09
The Next 25 Years of Advocacy & Advancement
OMNI Austin Hotel Southpark
DETAILED AGENDA

Sunday, Nov. 8

- 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm **Texas/International Business Connections Forum**
Agents of international companies representing a range of renewable energy products and services will provide brief overviews and express the nature and scope of their interest in connecting with companies in Texas. Learn about new technology options and business alliances that may benefit the growth and evolution of your company or organization, and the Texas renewable energy market in general.
- Organized by the German American Chamber of Commerce and the U.K. Trade & Investment; Government of Israel Economic Office, Texas General Land Office and the Mexican Consulate invited.*
- 2:00 pm – 5:30 pm Registration open
- 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Welcome reception and exhibits
- 6:45 pm – 7:30 pm TREIA annual business meeting

Monday, Nov. 9

- 7:30 am – 6 pm Registration open
- 8:00 am – 5:30 pm Exhibits open
- 9:00 am – 10:30 am Opening general session: *Large Cities—Exciting Opportunities*
- **John Pitts**, vice president development, Simple Solar: moderator
 - **Brewster McCracken**, Pecan Street Project, Austin
 - **Cris Eugster**, EVP & chief sustainability officer, CPS Energy, San Antonio
 - TBA, Houston
 - TBA, Dallas
- 10:45 am – 12:00 noon Panel discussion: *The Past, Present and Next 25 Years of Renewable Energy in Texas*
- **Michael Osborne**, special assistant to the general manager for energy development, Austin Energy: moderator
 - **Scott Sklar**, president, The Stella Group, RE past to the present
 - **Roger Duncan**, general manager, Austin Energy: RE present and future
 - **Michael Osborne**: RE future and beyond
- 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm Keynote luncheon with **Governor Rick Perry**

1:50 pm – 3:20 pm

Topical breakout sessions

- *Delivering the Goods—Transmission and Market Solutions*
 - **Henry Durrwachter**, director of ERCOT market services, Luminant Energy: moderator
 - **Kenneth Donohoo**, PE, director system planning, distribution & transmission, Oncor Electric Delivery: status report on Oncor lines for CREZ
 - **Steve Wiese**, principal, Clean Energy Associates: opportunities for solar development on wind-constrained transmission systems
 - **John Dumas**, supervisor operations planning, ERCOT: treatment of wind in the nodal market
 - **Dr. Rahul Walawalkar**, senior energy consultant, Customized Energy Solutions: storage technologies in ERCOT

- *Utilities' Role in Moving the Texas Market for Small-Scale Distributed RE*
 - **Jay Zarnikau**, PhD, president, Frontier Associates: moderator
 - **Kelley Carson**, energy efficiency program manager, Entergy-Texas: utility PV rebate program
 - **Leslie Libby**, manager solar programs, Austin Energy: PV rebate program status to date & AE's sustainability plan
 - **Andrew McCalla**, president & CEO, Meridian Solar: integrator's perspective on utility programs

- *Workforce Development—Today's Planning, Tomorrow's Students*
 - **Lara Valentine**, manager, economic development, Greater Houston Partnership: moderator
 - **Linda Head**, associate vice chancellor workforce development, Lone Star Community College: RE programs at Lone Star CC
 - **Sydney Bolfing**, coordinator RE technologies, Texas State Technical College Waco and director, Texas Renewable Energy Education Consortium (TREETC): RE programs at TREETC
 - **Kelly Sadler**, manager office employer initiatives, Texas Workforce Commission: statewide education and workforce development

3:35 pm – 5:05 pm

Topical breakout Sessions

- *The Nexus of Water and Energy In Texas*
 - **Michael Webber**, assistant professor, UT Austin, and co-director, Clean Energy Incubator: moderator
 - **Brian Vick**, PE, USDA-ARS:
 - **Amy Hardberger**, Environmental Defense Fund:

- DOE representation invited
- *Critical Venues before the Next Legislative Session*
 - **Jamie Mitchell**, state and federal relations, Austin Energy: moderator
 - **Jess Totten**, director competitive markets, Public Utility Commission of Texas:
 - **The Honorable Jim Keffer**, chairman, Texas House of Representatives Energy Resources Committee
 - **The Honorable Mark Strama**, chairman, Texas House of Representatives Committee on Technology, Economic Development and Workforce
- *Project Financing in a Difficult Economy*
 - **Stephen Krebs**, partner, Baker Botts, LLP: moderator
 - **John LeFebvre**, vice president business development & sales, SolarCity: distributed generation leasing options in Texas
 - **Lisa Elledge**, SECO: ARRA funds update
 - **Mike Hansen**, Buffalo Jump

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

TREIA 25th anniversary reception

Tuesday, Nov. 10

7:30 am – noon

Registration open

8:00 am – 3:50 pm

Exhibits open

8:30 am – 10:00 am

General session: *Maintaining Texas Momentum Amidst Federal and State Debates on Energy Policy, Stimulus Programs and New Electric Service Technologies*

- **Bob Webb**, general counsel, Biofuels Power Corporation: moderator
- **Nick Lampson**, principal, Clean Energy Advisory Group: getting the federal stimulus flowing
- **Pike Powers**, chairman, Texas Technology Initiative: state and local coordination of sustainable energy support
- **Karl Rabago**, vice president distributed energy services, Austin Energy: renewables, new service technologies and storage

10:15 am – 11:45 am

Topical breakout sessions

- *Geothermal Electric*
 - **Loy Sneary**, Gulf Coast Green: moderator
 - other speakers TBA
- *Making a Texas-Sized Impact with Distributed RE Generation*
 - **David Brearley**, senior technical editor, *SolarPro* magazine: moderator

- **Eric Graham**, global energy and sustainability manager, Dell:
 - **Mark Begert**, CFO, Meridian Solar and partner, Long Branch Capital: large commercial solar and FITs, RFPs and merchant opportunities
 - **Jim Fowler & Lana Deville**, DSM compliance coordinators, AEP & AEP SWEPCO: AEP SMART source PV pilot MTP
- *Biofuels Innovation & Progress—Accelerating onto the Road Ahead*
 - **Kurt Lyell**, renewable energy engineer, CH2M Hill: moderator
 - **Eric Mork**, ICM: new processes, plant designs & the US biofuels market future
 - **Kyle Althoff**, director feedstock development, DuPont Danisco Cellulosic Ethanol:
 - other speakers TBA

12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

TREIA 25th anniversary awards luncheon

2:20 pm – 3:35 pm

Topical breakout sessions

- *Community Wind: Ripe for Texas?*
 - **Richard Amato**, president, Venti Energy: moderator
 - **Paul Thompson**, president, Thompson Wind Power Consulting: small community projects in NM, MN and UT
 - **Keith Smith**, enXco, community projects' operational and service challenges
 - **Barney Gulley**, owner, Coastal Alternative Energy: customer expectations and misperceptions on small distributed wind systems and co-op interconnection concerns
- *Utility-Scale Solar*
 - **Mark Kapner**, PE, senior strategy engineer, Austin Energy: technologies being deployed in utility-scale solar
 - **Raj Prahbu**, managing partner, Mercom Capital Group: global market trends
- *Biomass Electric*
 - **Bill Tietze**, vice president sales & marketing, Primenergy: moderator
 - **Tommy John**, Consulting Engineering
 - other speakers TBA
- *Green Building and GeoExchange*
 - **Tom Fitzpatrick**: moderator
 - other speakers TBA

3:50 pm – 5:05 pm

General Session: *The Coming Smart Grid—Opportunities for Renewables in Texas*

- **Milton Holloway**, Ph.D., president & COO, Center for the Commercialization of Electric Technologies: moderator

- **Brett Pearlman**, president, Vector Advisors: smart grid policy & deployment
- **Bob Frasier**, director of technology, Houston Electric: development of third party energy services
- **Mike Bates**, vice president sales, GridPoint: behind-the-meter solution that benefits energy efficiency & RE
- **David Dollihite**, vice president product & business development, Direct Energy Mass Markets: managed energy services for retail customers